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**FOR: IMAGE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 30 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-277191
- ☒ 10 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.  
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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